

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Will they also represent the Kerry camp with a program at an other, similar hour before the election? Doubtful! How can voters make an educated choice when only one side is presented? They can't! Sinclair's decision does not serve the public interest and undermines the structure of our democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves - my airwaves - free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their political interests and less of what we need for our democracy. When only one side is represented, it's called propaganda. Let's hear both sides or nothing at all!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.